

Headlines

17th January 2025



Dear Parents,

Well that was exciting, a visit from Ofsted to kick off our Spring term. We were expecting them this year but did not know until Monday that it would be this week.

Mrs Maria Roberts (OI), an experienced inspector and educationalist, spent over 2 hours talking to me and the senior leadership team on Monday afternoon and then two full days in school. She visited every classroom, the nursery, the playground and the lunch hall. She saw children learning a whole range of subjects, playing together, taking part in workshops, in assembly, in small groups with TAs and in forest school. She watched their behaviour in class and on the playground and also looked at all of the clubs we run and the extra-curricular visits we take part in. She checked our safeguarding arrangements and met Amber. Mrs Roberts also spoke to all the teachers, some of the teaching assistants, governors and office staff. It was a very thorough inspection and we were all very impressed with how much she fitted in.

The inspection was ungraded. This means that it does not result in individual graded judgements. Instead, it focuses on determining whether the school has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection. However, there will be a full report that will detail this and her findings. The report will not be available for a few weeks yet but when it becomes available all parents will receive a copy by email. In the meantime, I would like to pass on Mrs Roberts' thanks to the children. In the final feedback meeting, with senior leaders and governors, she told us that she had found our children to be polite, courteous youngsters and that she had very much enjoyed meeting them and speaking to them.

I would also like to pass my thanks on to all the staff who work hard every day putting the children at the centre of everything they do and continued to do this while being watched.

Thank you to those parents who filled in parentview, particularly those who took the time to complete the freetext box expressing their personal views. As always, we remain open to any direct comments. And finally thank you to everyone who sent in emails and wished us well. It is when we all work together that we achieve the best for our children and families.

Have a good weekend – I know the staff will! Best wishes Mrs T L Good

Diary Dates

Description	Date	Time
Y3/4 Football Festival @ Cleves	27/01/25	12:30 - 15:30
Full Governing Body Meeting	28/01/25	18:30 - 20:30
Y2 Cake Sale - After School Today	31/01/25	15:20 - 15:45
Break the rules day	14/02/25	all day
Finish for Half Term at 3:20pm	14/02/25	
Half Term Holiday		
Return to school 8.50am	24/02/25	
Parents Evening 1	26/02/25	15:30 - 18:30
Parents Evening 2	27/02/25	15:30 - 18:30
Y1 Cake Sale After School Today	28/02/25	15:20 - 15:45
Dance Festival	06/03/25	12:00 - 15:30
Y5 Football tournament@ RH	13/03/25	11:30 - 16:00
Year 2 Fire Safety Officer Visit	13/03/25	13:30 - 15:00
PTFA Quiz Night	14/03/25	19:00 - 22:00
U-10 Football Match vs St Cuthbert's	19/03/25	15:00 - 17:00
District Cross-Country @ Notre Dame	22/03/25	08:30 - 14:00
PTFA Disco	02/04/25	all day
Rocksteady concert	03/04/25	14:30 - 15:00
End of Term Finish at 1.30pm	04/04/25	
Easter Holidays		
INSET day. No children in school	22/04/25	
Children return to school 8:50am	23/04/25	

Parents' Evening 26th and 27th February 2024 -

I would like to invite you to attend our Parents' Evenings. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress your child is making. We have an online appointment booking system through Scopay. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment. Appointments can be made from 4pm Monday 20th January and will close at 12pm on the 12th February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please use the Scopay app or Scopay.com to book your appointment, as you would to pay for trips. If you are not already registered with Scopay, please email the school office at admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk to request login details.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office from the 21st January between 9.30 and 2.30 and we will be happy to make an appointment for you.